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"Semper Vigilans!"

Summer 2019

WING CALENDAR

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CAP Executive Administrator

JULY

13 Prouty Walk/Bike Race Hanover
14-21 Summer Academy Norwich
University
17 Wing Staff Meeting
16,23,30 TLC Basic Wing Hdqtrs.

AUGUST

3 Trainex
9-23 NH/UK Exchange in UK
10 ES Prof. Devel. Clinic 9-2
17 TLC Basic Wing 8-4:30
21 Wing Staff Meeting 7-9 Hdqtrs.

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day
7 SAREX
28 TLC Intermediate 8-4 Field Day
Experience w/overnight

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, NHWG Commander

This has been an exceptionally busy quarter that has been filled with challenges and great success. We sent several cadets to academies, completed a CI with a very low number of deficiencies, conducted our annual Whitefield exercise and held a very successful wing conference. All this while fitting flights and operations in on those very rare sunny days.

As of this writing, NHWG is sitting 6th in the nation and 1st in NER for aircraft hours at 125.9 hours. Ninth in pilot hours and 5th for aircraft utilization. For pilot hours we are 11th in the nation and 2nd in NER. We lag behind MAWG by only a few hours. With our projected flying, we are well on our way toward the 200 hours per aircraft. We have our summer in front of us with hopefully great flying weather to go along with it. We have added new pilots to our base in Whitefield. We now have enough active pilots to locate an aircraft there. Thank you, Bill Moran!

Recruiting and retention was a mixed bag this year. We are doing well overall and need to keep our focus on retaining those folks that we already have. We do this by engaging them in meaningful activities, training and mentoring them properly. We must make them feel valued. Keep involved. If you are standing around wondering what to do, I can guarantee there is something close by that needs attention. Jump in and help.

Our Whitefield exercise ran well on the rain date. Unfortunately, a significant number of staff were not available to attend the second date. Bill was able to put together a solid team to make things happen. Several weaknesses were identified from Whitefield along with our regular exercises. Most of these involve the lack of depth in key staff positions. In particular, we need communicators, incident commanders, ground team leaders, ground branch directors, and air branch directors.

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| AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS |
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SPAATZ AWARD

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| David Brackett | Seacoast |
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EAKER AWARD

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| David Brackett | Seacoast |
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MITCHELL AWARD

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| Samuel Humphreys | Seacoast |
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| Jayne Brannan | Seacoast |
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| Noah Robinson | Seacoast |
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CONCORD

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| Kira Wood | C/LtCol |
| Tyler Lawrence | C/Capt. |
| Henook Cooper | C/CMSgt |
| Cody Lucier | C/CMSgt |
| Adeesh Cooper | C/TSgt |
| Josiah Hoadley | C/SSgt |
| Michael Pellitier | C/SSgt |
| Elijah Ruhl | C/SSgt |
| Ryan Wood | C/SSgt |
| Emily Fulton | C/SrA |
| Zachary Brewer | C/A1C |
| Haylie Knight | C/A1C |
| Stephen Marcese | C/A1C |
| Issac Michael | C/A1C |
| Daniel Rinden | C/A1C |
| Abigail Sowers | C/A1C |
| Arelya Thibeault | C/A1C |

NASHUA

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Elizabeth Forbush | C/ Maj. |
| Matthew Heiter | C/1stLt |
| Simon Goryayinov | C/2 nd Lt |
| Elisabeth Gratton | C/CMSgt |
| Joelle Choiniere | C/CMSgt |
| Molly Blast | C/CMSgt |
| Jared Moran | C/SMSgt |
| Nehemiah Groder | C/SSgt |
| Andrew Bates | C/SSgt |
| Malvern Palmer | C/SrA |
| Michael Gagnon | C/SrA |
| Borden Smith | C/A1C |
| Leo Reynolds | C/A1C |
| Dimitri Pedigo | C/A1C |
| Alison Illidge | C/A1C |
| Jordan Houde | C/A1C |
| Amelia Collard | C/A1C |

GREATER NASHUA cont.

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| Sarah Sonner | C/Amn |
| Hudson Smith | C/Amn |
| Brynn Rechtsteiner | C/Amn |
| Keith Quarles | C/Amn |
| Owen Plainte | C/Amn |
| Josiah Itterman | C/Amn |
| Aviela Groder | C/Amn |
| Hunter Collard | C/Amn |
| Marin Bateman | C/Amn |

MONADNOCK

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| Benjamin Feola-Mahir | C/SSgt |
| Jack Koester | C/Amn |

SEACOAST

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| David Brackett | C/Col |
| Samuel Humphreys | C/1st Lt |
| Jayne Brannan | C/2 nd Lt |
| Noah Robinson | C/2 nd Lt |
| Ethan Downs | C/CMSgt |
| Anna Madden | C/CMSgt |
| Jack Hatfield | C/MSgt |
| Edward Priestly | C/SrA |
| Anders Umholtz | C/SrA |
| Andrew McLaughlin | C/A1C |
| Madison Brannan | C/A1C |
| Alyssa Buttafoco | C/A1C |
| Haley Traub | C/Amn |

SENIOR MEMBERS

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| Matthew Collings | 1 st Lt Reg.Nurse |
| Jarrett Burke | Maj Military grade |
| Kevin Shanley | Maj. Nashua |
| Suzanne Carpentier | 2 nd Lt. Nashua |
| Mark Forbush | 2 nd Lt Nashua |
| Brendan Harbison | 2 nd Lt. Nashua |
| Chad South | 2ndLt Seacoast |



SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Members of Concord Squadron participated in Wild NH Day with NH Fish and Game Dept. The Riises both participated in the Whitefield exercise. 1st Lt. Michael Rizzi located both targets during the exercise. Cheers!! Highly decorated Gen. Don Bolduc US Army retired recently spoke to the members about leadership techniques and lessons learned from a 32 year military career.



Chow Time at Whitefield

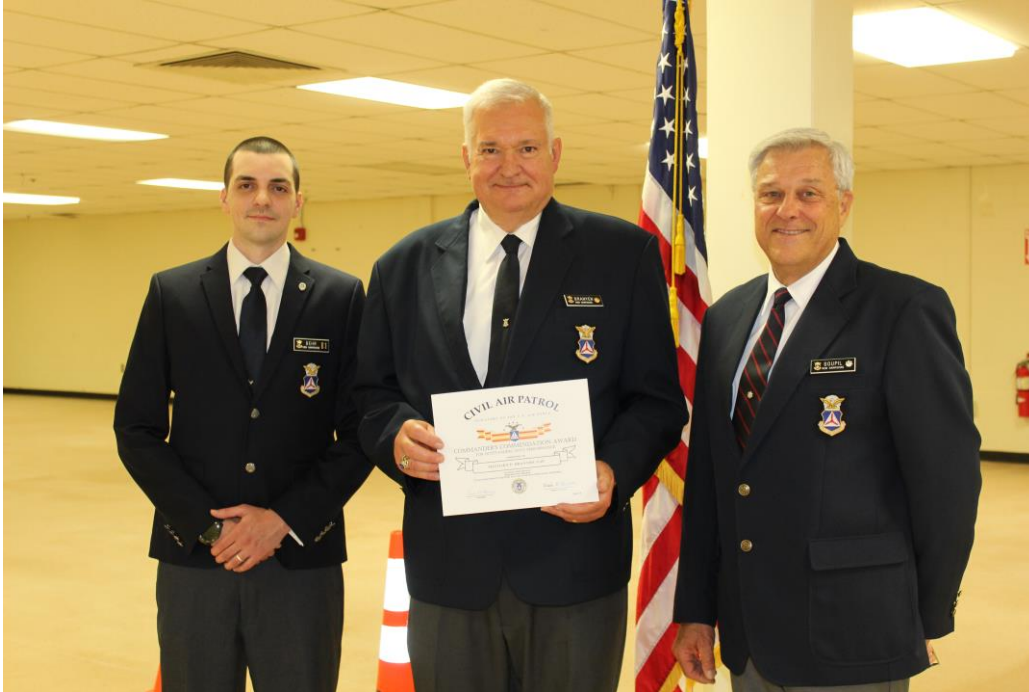
HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

After four years leading the squadron Capt. Darlene Cray will step down in late July and hand the reins to Maj. Scott Davis as Commander. Capt. Cray will continue as Wing Prof. Development Officer.

HIGHLANDERS CADET SQUADRON

In April we attended the Trainex at the Wing Headquarters with 7 cadets attending. We also took a field trip to the New England Air Museum in Connecticut where we saw a lot of static WWII displays. Several cadets spoke to the Rochester Rotary club about CAP. May was a very busy month! Everyone pitched in and worked hard at our annual fundraiser at Jordan Camps. Many parents and family members as well as Highlanders were there to get the job done. Our spring open house was also in May and we welcomed 4 new cadets to our squadron. We attended a weekend trip to Cape Cod along with members of Seacoast Squadron thanks to Maj. Barrington. O-flights were scheduled for the following weekend at Skyhaven airport in Rochester. We had 9 cadets complete flights that day. We also marched in the Rochester Memorial Day parade. In June we volunteered at the annual Wings and Wheels event at Skyhaven where several cadets marshaled planes as well as parked cars and worked

gate duty. One of our cadets attended the Aircraft Maintenance and Manufacturing Academy in Independence KS where he was able to tour and work in the Cessna factory. We ended June with a change of command ceremony where Maj. Gary Branyan handed the commander position over to Capt. Adam Behr. Congratulations to Captain Behr and thank you to Maj. Branyan for serving Highlanders for the past three years.



Capt. Behr, Maj. Branyan with Commander's Commendation, LTC Goupil



Squadron Members at New England Air Museum

MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron's spring Open House was held on June 19 and attracted a large group of visitors. Two seniors joined at the event. Plans are underway to support the American Legion 100 year anniversary celebration on June 29. The squadron color guard marched in both the Keene and Swanzey Memorial Day parades. The squadron also has two new cadets who joined recently.



Monadnock Color Guard in Memorial Day Parade

NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron held a formal banquet on 7 June to recognize a number of awards and successes of the year. At the banquet Cadet Ryan Santoro accepted his appointment to West Point. An Open House was held in April. Members participated in the Nashua Memorial Day parade. A great outing was held with a hike to Pack Monadnock with great views from the top as well as on the way there. Great start graduated cadets Bateman, Groder, Illidge, Itterman, Plainte, Quarles, Rechtsteiner, Smith and Sommer. Plans are to develop a mentor pool for cadets wishing to learn varied positions within the squadron. The squadron is exploring the possibility of having CAP an elective at Nashua North High School the same as JROTC is. Also working with Alvirne High School to get them access to CAP AE material and STEM kits. Their great start program will now include ES training and testing.



Greater Nashua Spring Great Start Graduates

LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron welcomed its newest commander, LTC Dan Nash and said goodbye to past commander LTC Ann Brechbuhl who went across the river to become the VTWG Wing Commander. Congratulations to both. The Prouty Walk/Run Race to benefit the Norris Cotton cancer center at Dartmouth will again be supported by members of the squadron.

SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron had an extremely busy quarter with a fun night at Hilltop Fun Center, a carwash fundraiser, ES training and fun at Maj. Barrington's camp on Cape Cod together with Highlanders members, o'flights and work on the wind tunnel project. All the while moving their headquarters from building #252 to building #145 at Pease ANG Base. At a special event night the squadron was presented the Squadron of Merit Award by Col. Harbison. C/Col David Brackett relinquished command of the cadet corps to C/2Lt. Jayme Brannan. Former Cadet Commander C/Col Brackett received his coveted Spaatz Award # 2230 nationwide and only #20 in the New Hampshire Wing. David will be attending the USAF Academy to pursue a career in Civil Engineering. Plans are to send the van to KHIE with cadets and seniors to help with the airshow coming up this weekend. The color guard marched in the Exeter Memorial Day Parade.



Col. Todd Swass NH ANG presenting Spaatz Award to C/Col Brackett



Seacoast Cadets Working on the Wind Tunnel Project

WHITEFIELD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Prospective pilots have been working on ES-AP training, two pilots are ready for mission pilot training. Mission observer training is also in progress as is G1000 training. The squadron will hold their spring Open House in conjunction with the KHIE airport's 4th annual fly-in and air show on June 29th. There will be aerobatics, static displays, tractor and antique car displays and the Conway Scenic RR steam locomotive. Fun is to be had by all.

LEGISLATIVE SQUADRON 999

The squadron is planning the 3rd annual NH Legislative Squadron softball classic to be held on October 6 at Merrimack Anheuser-Busch softball field. The event will honor Korean War veterans with proceeds to go to Liberty House. The NHWG color guard will present the colors prior to the game. Volunteers are needed for a CAP recruiting booth at the field. There may be a flyover during the National Anthem. The squadron now has 54 members. Squadrons are asked to contact legislators in their district to join their units.

Commander's Corner cont.

. We are running dangerously thin on many key staff positions. It is important that the squadrons train and encourage members to participate at all levels of the Emergency Services program. After all, it is one-third of what we do. I expect the UAS program will be getting more active through the summer. Please contact Lt Col Mike Hall or Lt Col Nic Goupil with your interest in the program.

NHWG Summer Leadership Academy will take place at Norwich University from 14 – 21 July. I am looking forward to another great leadership event for NHWG. Thank you to all the folks who work so hard to make this happen. Thank you again for a great year and may next year be even better!

THOUGHTS FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Every Sabbath, Jewish congregations throughout these United States include in their worship service a "Prayer for our Country." In almost every sanctuary there will be an American flag as well. I expect that this would also be the case in the houses of worship of other religions.

As we draw close to July 4, and celebrate another year of American independence, I share the prayer I say at my worship service....

"Our God and God of our ancestors: We ask your blessings for our country -- for its leaders and advisors, and for all who exercise just and rightful authority. Teach them insights from your Torah, that they may administer all affairs of state fairly, that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, justice and freedom may forever abide in our midst.

Creator of all flesh, bless all the inhabitants of our country with your spirit. May citizens of all races and creeds forge a common bond in true harmony to banish hatred and bigotry, and to safeguard the ideals and free institutions that are the pride and glory of our country.

May this land, under Your Providence, be an influence for good throughout the world, uniting all people in peace and freedom -- helping to fulfill the vision of your prophet: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they experience war anymore." And let us say: Amen"

There are some prayers that, after many years, I can recite more or less by rote. But this is not one of them. Renewed each time is a profound sense of gratitude for our country and that I share, in a very small way, helping to keep it true to its ideals.

Shalom,

Chaplain Gary Atkins



LTC Paul Kelly and Capt. Marc Cray installing new NHWG Flagpole !!!

Great job guys, we really needed a new pole. Let's hope it lasts a long time.

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